

# Parents' and Carers' NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Opening Hours and Safeguarding Info

Please note that the college will be closed for students from 18 December to 6 January.

### Spring 2026 term:

**Tuesday 6 January - Friday 27 March 2026**

(Half term: Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026)

Thursday 26 March Staff Development Day (non teaching day)

If you have any concerns outside college or would like to understand the range of safeguarding options that are available, please check out our helpful safeguarding leaflet.

If you think a child, young person or vulnerable adult in Kirklees is being abused or mistreated, or you have concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult's wellbeing, you should call and speak to someone at one of the following numbers.

Kirklees Emergency Duty Service (outside office hours)	Children & Adults	<b>01484 414933</b>
NSPCC Helpline	Children (Under 18)	<b>0808 800 5000</b> email <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a> text <b>88858</b> (free service) or complete <a href="#">online form</a>
Childline	Children (Under 18)	<b>0800 1111</b> (freephone)
Kirklees Children's Services Duty and Advice Team (D&A)	Children (Under 18)	<b>01484 414960</b> <a href="mailto:DutyAdvice.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk">DutyAdvice.Admin@kirklees.gov.uk</a>



## Partnership in action: Bridging generations through digital inclusion

We're proud to support the new initiative launched by The University of Huddersfield in collaboration with Kirklees College, aimed at connecting young people and older adults through technology.

The programme, "Connecting the Generations", brings our students together with community members to exchange skills and understanding—students offering tech support and companionship, and adults sharing lifelong wisdom. The result? Reduced isolation, improved digital confidence, meaningful volunteering opportunities, and real-world impact.

Head to the [University of Huddersfield Website](#) to find out more.



## MP for Huddersfield Visits Kirklees College

Harpreet Uppal MP for Huddersfield recently visited Huddersfield Centre to speak with students about the issues affecting their everyday lives.

The conversation highlighted clear priorities for improving opportunities, wellbeing and representation across the town. The session focused on education, mental health, transport and youth empowerment.

Our students called for greater investment in the NHS and health and social care, as well as more funding for vocational colleges. The MP said boosting opportunities in Huddersfield was a key priority, including expanding access to jobs, apprenticeships, work experience placements and summer programmes as well as ensuring equal value was placed on university and apprenticeship routes.

Find out more [here](#).

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## Courses for adults: Invest in yourself with Kirklees College in 2026

Kirklees College is delighted to announce the launch of its new Adult Course Guide for January 2026.

Whether you are looking to impress with a new skill, gain a new qualification or upskill in your current role, there is no better place to start your journey back into education than Kirklees College.

The adult curriculum covers a variety of subject areas, including Business, Construction, Creative Industries, Engineering, ESOL, Hair and Beauty, Sport, Hospitality and Catering, Motor Vehicle, Teaching and more.

To see all that we have to offer in more detail, head to the [adult learner section](#) of the Kirklees College website.

## MIMO: Absence Reporting System

MIMO stands for 'Miss It Miss Out' and is our absence reporting system at Kirklees College. If your young person can't attend, please notify the college:

**Text: 07860 097457**

Using **ONE** of the Text **BUZZ** words above, send your text using this format: **MEDICAL(space)enrolment number**  
Example: **MEDICAL 110275**

<b>SICK</b> When you are unwell	<b>STUCK</b> Problems with getting to college due to transport	<b>MEDICAL</b> Doctor, hospital, dental appointments
<b>FORMAL</b> NUS business, probation, court appearance, job interview	<b>LATE</b> If you are delayed coming into college	<b>RESPECT</b> Bereavement/ Funeral of close family member

## Up and coming Rugby League star shining on and off the pitch

One of our Sports Coaching students is making a huge impact at Super League side Leeds Rhinos.

Zak Lloyd, currently studying at our Huddersfield Centre, is thriving at college and developing his Rugby League career. Since joining us in 2024, Zak has played for Rhinos reserves and academy sides and has appeared on the bench for the first team. He has also trained with the England side. A remarkable achievement alongside his work in college.

Click [here](#) to read more about Zak's sporting career so far.



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## Engineering students help produce 3D printed model of Huddersfield Canal

Four Kirklees College students have stepped into the world of civil engineering with a hands-on project led by Jackson Civil Engineering.

Using 3D printing, they recreated a section of the Huddersfield Broad Canal towpath, complete with a working lock mechanism.

The project - called CanalWorks 3D - kicked off in the classroom back in October when a Jackson team visited the students and talked to them about career opportunities in civil engineering, and the scope of the canal towpath improvement works.

The students then visited the work site on the banks of the canal, measuring, sketching, and photographing details as they saw engineers in action and experienced firsthand how an infrastructure project like this comes together.

The project concluded with the students presenting their thoughts on students to members of the Jackson team alongside the Canal Trust and Kirklees College Engineering staff.

## UCAS Deadline

Please be aware that the UCAS application deadline for equal consideration is Wednesday 14 January at 6pm. Further information about UCAS is available at [Choose your future](#).

Any students requiring support with their applications can make an appointment with the careers team via the VLE. Please note UCAS do accept applications after this date, but institutions are not obliged to consider your application and popular courses may be full.

## Spreading Christmas Cheer in Our Community

Our Vocational Pathways and Xplorer students have been out and about again, this time visiting Ashworth Grange Care Home to share some festive kindness.

Students created handmade Christmas cards filled with personal messages and delivered them to residents along with some sweet treats. The visit was a heart-warming experience, and the residents truly enjoyed spending time with our learners.

A huge well done to our students for their compassion and community spirit!



## Reminder of our ABC expectations at Kirklees College

All students are expected to Attend, Behave & Commit in all aspects of their student life.

Please support your young person in remembering these high expectations.





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## Important Information about mobile phones in Maths and English lessons

There will be an important change to our mobile phone expectations in Maths and English lessons from the start of next term.

Following a serious safeguarding incident last half-term involving the misuse of a mobile phone in class, we have reviewed our procedure to ensure that all learners are safe and able to learn without distraction.

Additionally, recent student voice feedback shows that learners want us to take a firmer approach with regard to mobile phones.

From January, the following rule will apply in all Maths and English lessons:

Mobile phones must be unseen and unheard at all times during the lesson.

If a phone is seen or heard, the learner will be asked to place it in a labelled phone pouch at the front of the classroom for the duration of the lesson.

The learner will keep a matching token and will swap this back at the end of the lesson to collect their phone.

## GCSE Exam Dates

If your young person is resitting their English and/or maths GCSE in the summer, the exam dates are seen on this poster.

Please do not book holidays across this period as alternative exam dates are not available.



Phones remain the learner's own property, but while they are in our classrooms, they must follow this procedure so that staff can maintain a safe, focused learning environment.

If a learner refuses to follow this instruction, the following will happen:

- They will be removed from the lesson to speak with the Head of Maths or the Head of English.
- The incident will be recorded on their ProMonitor behaviour log.
- Home will be contacted, and further consequences may be put in place in line with our Positive Behaviour Policy.

We recognise that, in a small number of cases, learners may need access to their phone during our lessons. These situations will be considered carefully and individually, and agreed upon in advance with the class teacher or the curriculum lead.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact your young person's Maths or English teacher.

## THE DATES FOR SUMMER GCSE EXAMS ARE:

### GCSE MATHS

Thursday 14 May 2026 Paper 1 (non calculator)

Wednesday 3 June 2026 Paper 2 (calculator)

### GCSE ENGLISH

Thursday 21 May 2026 Paper 1

Friday 5 June 2026 Paper 2

Please don't book any holidays from early May to the end of June as a precaution.

**Students need to arrive by 9am,  
exam starts 9.30am**